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SUBJECT: SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA

1. AS FOLLOW UP TO US/UK BILATERALS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
JUNE 28 AND 29, THE DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED A PLANNING
PAPER DESCRIBING POSSIBLE MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN
TO LIMIT FLOW OF OIL TO RHODESIA. THE PAPER WAS GIVEN
TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY JULY 11 WITH THE STIPULATION
THAT THE THREE OPTIONS DESCRIBED ARE FOR DISCUSSION
PURPOSES ONLY AND THAT FINAL APPROVAL WOULD BE NEEDED
ON OUR PART BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION. UK EMBOFF (SQUIRE)
COMMENTED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN MIGHT WELL
RAISE THE MATTER, TOGETHER WITH THE TIMING OF ANY
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INITIATIVE, WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON LATER IN JULY.
DEPARTMENT OFFICER (HELMAN, IO/UNP) RESPONDED THAT WE
WOULD APPRECIATE SOME REACTION TO THE OPTIONS BEFORE
THAT TIME, IN PREPARATION FOR ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

2. A COPY OF THE PAPER IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY
LONDON AND TO USUN. BRIEFLY, THE PAPER GIVEN TO THE

BRITISH DESCRIBES THREE POSSIBLE MEASURES:

A) A UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD

REQUIRE ALL UN MEMBERS NOT TO EXPORT OIL TO SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ABSENCE OF A GUARANTEE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE OIL WOULD NOT BE RE-EXPORTED TO RHODESIA.

B) REQUESTING THE SHAH OF IRAN TO SEND A MESSAGE TO VORSTER EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN WITH THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF IRANIAN OIL TO RHODESIA IN VIOLATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS.

C) ASKING THE PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS OF MOBIL, BP, AND SHELL TO INSTRUCT THEIR SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AS A MATTER OF COMPANY POLICY, NOT TO COOPERATE IN TRANSSHIPMENTS.

3. THE PAPER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THESE MEASURES WOULD NOT LIKELY RESULT IN A NEAR-TERM CESSATION OF OIL SHIPMENTS TO RHODESIA SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA DECIDE TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE FLOW. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD PRESENT VORSTER WITH A DIFFICULT POLITICAL DECISION. HE WOULD BE BOUND TO SEE SUCH MEASURES AS HARBINGERS OF FUTURE PRESSURE.
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